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4                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
5                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
6                   AT SEATTLE

7 LEO'S WELDING AND  
8 FABRICATION LLC,

9                   Plaintiff(s),  
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11 v.  
P/V HANNAH et al.,

12                   Defendant(s).

CASE NO.  
2:25-cv-00625-LK

ORDER REGARDING INITIAL  
DISCLOSURES, JOINT STATUS  
REPORT, AND EARLY  
SETTLEMENT

13                   **I. INITIAL SCHEDULING DATES**

14                  The Court sets the following dates for initial disclosure and submission of the  
15 Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan:

16                  Deadline for FRCP 26(f) Conference:                   8/29/2025

17                  Initial Disclosures Pursuant to FRCP 26(a)(1):           9/12/2025

18                  Combined Joint Status Report and Discovery  
19                  Plan as Required by FRCP 26(f)  
and Local Civil Rule 26(f):   9/26/2025

20                  The deadlines above may be extended only by the Court. Any request for an  
21 extension should be made by email to Natalie Wood, Courtroom Deputy, at  
22 natalie\_wood@wawd.uscourts.gov. If Defendants have appeared, the parties are directed  
23 to meet and confer before contacting the Court to request an extension.

24                  If this case involves claims which are exempt from the requirements of  
25 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("FRCP") 26(a) and 26(f), please notify Natalie Wood,  
Courtroom Deputy, at natalie\_wood@wawd.uscourts.gov. In those cases, the parties

1 must still file a joint status report by the deadline, addressing the applicable paragraphs  
2 below and clearly stating whether the parties anticipate that the matter can be resolved by  
3 dispositive motions, and if so, a proposed deadline and briefing schedule for such  
4 motions consistent with Local Civil Rule 7(k) and the Court's Standing Order, described  
5 below.

## 6 **II. JUDGE-SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

7 The parties are directed to review Judge King's Standing Order for All Civil Cases,  
8 which is docketed in each case. The parties are expected to abide by the requirements set  
9 forth therein. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of sanctions.

10 All parties must review applicable Local Rules, Electronic Filing Procedures  
11 for Civil and Criminal Cases, court forms, instruction sheets, and General Orders, which  
12 can be found on the Court's website at [www.wawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov).

## 13 **III. JOINT STATUS REPORT & DISCOVERY PLAN**

14 All parties are directed to confer and provide the Court with a combined Joint  
15 Status Report and Discovery Plan (the "Report") by September 26, 2025. This  
16 conference shall be by direct and personal communication, whether that be an in-person  
17 or virtual face-to-face meeting or a telephonic conference. The Report will be used to  
18 set a schedule for the prompt completion of the case. It must contain the following  
19 information by corresponding paragraph numbers:

- 20 1. A statement of the nature and complexity of the case.
- 21 2. A proposed deadline for joining additional parties.
- 22 3. A discovery plan that states, by corresponding paragraph letters (A, B, etc.),  
23 the parties' views and proposals on all items set forth in FRCP 26(f)(3), which  
24 includes the following topics:

25 (A) initial disclosures;

26 (B) subjects, timing, and potential phasing of discovery;

- (C) electronically stored information;
- (D) privilege issues;
- (E) proposed limitations on discovery; and
- (F) the need for any discovery related order.

#### 4. The parties' views, proposals, and agreements, by corresponding paragraph

letters (A, B, etc.), on all items set forth in Local Civil Rule 26(f)(1), which includes the following topics:

- (A) prompt case resolution;
- (B) alternative dispute resolution;
- (C) related cases;
- (D) discovery management;
- (E) anticipated discovery sought;
- (F) phasing motions;
- (G) preservation of discoverable information;
- (H) privilege issues;
- (I) Model Protocol for Discovery of ESI; and
- (J) alternatives to Model Protocol.

5. For patent cases only: The case name, case number, and court or other tribunal for any pending or prior action challenging the patent(s) at issue in the case.

6. The date by which discovery can be completed.

7. Whether the case should be bifurcated; e.g., by trying the liability issues before the damages issues; or bifurcated in any other way.

8. Whether the parties intend to utilize the Individualized Trial Program set forth in Local Civil Rule 39.2 or any ADR options set forth in Local Civil Rule 39.1.

9. Any other suggestions for shortening or simplifying the case.

10. The date the case will be ready for trial. The Court expects that most civil

1 cases will be ready for trial within a year after filing the Joint Status Report and  
2 Discovery Plan.

3 11. Whether the trial will be jury or non-jury.

4 12. The number of trial days required.

5 13. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all trial counsel.

6 14. The dates on which trial counsel may have conflicts to be considered in  
7 setting a trial date.

8 15. If, on the due date of the Report, all defendant(s) or respondents(s) have not  
9 been served, counsel for the plaintiff shall advise the Court when service will be  
10 effected, why it was not made earlier, and shall provide a proposed schedule for the  
11 required FRCP 26(f) conference and FRCP 26(a) initial disclosures.

12 16. Whether any party wishes a scheduling conference before the Court enters  
13 a scheduling order in the case.

14 17. List the date(s) that each and every nongovernmental corporate party filed  
15 its disclosure statement pursuant to FRCP 7.1 and Local Civil Rule 7.1.

16 18. A certification that all parties have reviewed Judge King's Standing Order  
17 for All Civil Cases, the Local Rules, and the applicable Electronic Filing Procedures.

18 19. A certification that all parties have reviewed and complied with Judge  
19 King's Standing Order Regarding 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(2) and Canon 3(C)(1)(b) of the  
20 Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

21 If the parties are unable to agree on any part of the Report, they may answer in  
22 separate paragraphs. No separate reports are to be filed. If the parties wish to have a  
23 status conference with the Court at any time during the pendency of this action, they  
24 should notify Natalie Wood, Courtroom Deputy, at natalie\_wood@wawd.uscourts.gov.

25 **IV. PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSIBILITY**

26 The Plaintiff(s) are directed to serve copies of this Order on all parties who appear

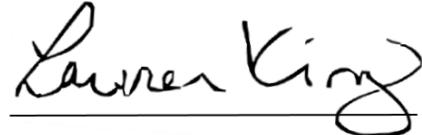
1 after this Order is filed. Such service shall be accomplished within ten (10) days after  
2 each appearance.

3 **V. EARLY SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION AND NOTIFICATION**

4 If settlement is achieved, counsel shall immediately notify Natalie Wood,  
5 Courtroom Deputy, at natalie\_wood@wawd.uscourts.gov.

6 The parties are responsible for complying with the terms of this Order. The Court  
7 may impose sanctions on any party who fails to comply fully with this Order.

8 Dated this 1st day of August 2025.

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11 Lauren King  
12 United States District Judge  
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